The Hindustan Times' dated 30th June, 1993 under the caption "Red-tapism 'bulldozes IAF safety steps";

(b) if so, the details thereof and the action taken thereon;

(c) whether, due to red-tapism and inordinate delays in the procurement of items by the Ministry of Defence, difficulties are being created not only for the defence forces but to the nation as well;

(d) if so, the details of the projects where clearance were inordinately delayed in each of the last five years alongwith the reasons for the delay; and

(e) the steps taken to check such delay henceforth ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI MALLIKARJUN) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Procurements are made on the basis of well designed procedures which have to be adhered to. Final decision for induction of the equipment (bulldozer) was taken after detailed examination of all pros & cons of the proposal. Delay in the procurement or equipment was not allowed to affect flight safety as alternative arrangements to control growth of vegetation around runways were continuing.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) and (e) Do not arise.

Marketing of established brands by CSD

2569. SHRI O. P. KOHLI : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether the military canteens located in Delhi such as Army Headquarters Canteen are marketing more of new brands than established items thereby exploiting the interests of the consumers;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor and the steps taken to give more attention towards the well established products than new products which are not substantially good;

(c) whether there is any proposal to bring about changes in the existing rules, procedures etc. to allow the supply of reputed items on the inventory of the CSD(I) Bombay by the local authorised stockist and suppliers duly approved by the organisation concerned to ensure timely availability of the items for the benefit of the consumers; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI MALLIKARJUN) : (a) and (b) Military Canteens, including those located in Delhi, supply both established brands as well as new brands from items included in the Canteen Stores Department list of items.

(c) and (d) The Depot Managers of the Canteen Stores Department are already authorised to place orders and procure certain items by the suppliers in accordance with terms and conditions approved by CSD Head Office in Bombay. The inclusion of items in this category depends upon the arrangements of the suppliers, and on the existence of acceptable terms and conditions.

सोमालिया से भारतीय शांति-सेना को वापस बुलाना

2570. **श्री वी. नारायणसामी** : क्या प्रधान मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सरकार ने सोमालिया में तैनात की गयी संयुक्त राष्ट्र शान्ति सेना में से भारतीय टुकड़ी को वापस बुलाने का निर्णय किया है क्योंकि वहां भारतीय जवानों की हत्या की जा रही है ; और

(ख) यदि हां, तो भारतीय टुकड़ी को वापस बुलाया जाना कब से आरम्भ होने की संभावना है ?

रक्षा मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री मल्लिकार्जुन): (क) और (ख) जी, नहीं । संयुक्त राष्ट्र ने सोमालिया से अपनी शांति सेना वापस बुलाने का निर्णय लिया है तदनुसार भारतीय सैनिकों को संयुक्त राष्ट्र द्वारा की गई प्रबंध व्यवस्था के अंतर्गत वापस लाया जा रहा है । भारतीय सैनिकों को वापस लाने का कार्य चल रहा है ।